

**“INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND  
BIPHOBIA”**

**WHEREAS** *lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and Two-Spirit persons (LGBTQ2) across the country and around the world continue to be faced with legal, social, and institutional barriers that isolate and divide us; and*

**WHEREAS** *the International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia, May 17, is an annual reminder that while some progress that has been made towards eradicating these barriers, the City of Victoria joins the international call for further action to address the inequality and hatred faced by too many LGBTQ2 people throughout our communities; and*

**WHEREAS** *the City of Victoria is committed to identifying and resolving policies and operations that block LGBTQ2 persons’ equal access to, and enjoyment of, municipal services and programs; and*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** *that the City of Victoria proclaims that it is time to tear down those barriers that we know to be discriminatory; and*

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *that the City of Victoria encourages all people to recognize and embrace this day, to support the ongoing commitments to inclusion, acceptance and respect of all LGBTQ2 people; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE** *I do hereby proclaim May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as “INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA” on the TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES of the ESQUIMALT AND SONGHEES FIRST NATIONS in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I hereunto set my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen.*

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**LISA HELPS  
MAYOR  
CITY OF VICTORIA  
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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## Committee of the Whole Report For the Meeting of May 17, 2018

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** May 15, 2018  
**From:** Chris Coates, City Clerk  
**Subject:** Proclamation "International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia"  
May 17, 2018

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the *International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia* Proclamation be forwarded to the May 17, 2018 Council meeting for Council's consideration.
2. Subject to Committee of the Whole's consideration of the above recommendation, that the motion be forwarded to the Special Council Meeting of May 17, 2018.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached as Appendix A is the requested *International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia* Proclamation. Council has established policy addressing Proclamation requests. The policy provides for:

- A staff report to Committee of the Whole.
- Each Proclamation request requiring a motion approved at Committee of the Whole prior to forwarding it to Council for their consideration.
- Staff providing Council with a list of Proclamations made in the previous year.
- Council voting on each Proclamation individually.
- Council's consideration of Proclamations is to fulfil a request rather than taking a position.

A list of previous Proclamations is provided as Appendix B in accordance with the policy. Consistent with City Policy, Proclamations issued are established as fulfilling a request and does not represent an endorsement of the content of the Proclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Coates  
City Clerk

Appendix A: Proclamation "International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia"  
Appendix B: List of Previously Approved Proclamations